

'The Bugaboo Will Get You,' As Sophie, Swell Waitress With \$5,000 Car, Found Out

The Bugaboo in Question Being the Traffic Cop, Who'll Yank You to the Traffic Court if You're "Off-Side" or Punch the Accelerator Too Hard.

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EUGENE FIELD once wrote a poem for a newspaper in which he described some sort of a bird called the "awful bugaboo," and at child in the Middle West into tantrums, because, as he intimated, "it'll get you sooner or later."

Now this isn't meant to scare any one. It is a plain statement, backed up by plenty of figures.

If you drive a car in New York City, the Traffic Court will get you sooner or later. It's as inevitable as the still in the kitchen closet. About 25,000 cars a year come to the court, and there are about 25,000 cars under its jurisdiction. In other words, you may last ten years, but not longer.

But to insert a word of cheer, as the cop said, "You aren't a regular driver until we've brought you to court once; that is the initiation."

The court takes in \$500,000 yearly in fines—almost enough to pay for the whole work, and more than the rest of the courts combined.

Magistrates House and Court preside. Yesterday Judge House was on the bench. One thing he insists upon in his court is discipline. The chauffeur is not permitted to block traffic there. Yesterday morning a gentleman was making more noise than a defendant should, and His Honor ordered the attendants to stop him.

They had trouble in finding the offender, and the Judge came from the bench, buttonholing the noisy person and placed him in the front row where he could watch him.

Even in the complaint room, at the end of the court room, the rule "Hats Off" is enforced. There was once a move to gloss over the windows which separate the two rooms, but the move was quickly annulled.

It makes no difference whether you come into court with a flannel shirt or a fur coat, if you have been speeding in New York, you'll get fined anyway. Tailor-made clothes don't make any difference. The final punch on the accelerator will cost you money.

"We have every thing from boot-blacks on," declared Clerk Frasier. "Everybody has a car. The only ones who haven't cars are court clerks and newspaper reporters. The only reporter I ever heard of who owned a car left for Havana early in July."

An occasional bootblack mingles with the fast-drivers, who form the majority of offenders. There are numerous longshoremen, lots of subway guards, and plenty of union plumbers, painters, pretzel-vendors, etc. The star case yesterday was that of Sophie the waitress and her \$5,000 limousine.

Sophie was apprehended by Motorcycle Cop Bailey, as she spun around the corner of 12th Street and Lenox Avenue. She was "off-side" and nearly touched the sidewalk, according to the cop.

"What is your occupation?" asked Judge House.

The cop had whispered to his colleague.

leagues that he had captured a Fifth Avenue hearse.

"I am a waitress," said Sophie. She declared that she worked in one of those dairy restaurants where they know what you mean when you ask for "ham and eggs," and where they slide a dime on to the check for bread and butter without a quibble of conscience.

It seemed that she made \$12 a week in salaries and \$50 in tips. The attendants opened the windows for air. Also, her car, her very own, was an eight-cylinder limousine which, according to Judge House, must have cost \$5,000 if it cost a nickel. More over, Sophie had been sojourning on these shores for twelve years, her former home being in Russia.

"Two dollars fine," gasped His Honor.

"Where is the restaurant?" asked Miss McGowan, the stenographer. "I might like a job there myself."

As Sophie swished from the room, the reporters, who for years have pompously slid a dime under the plate for a 50-cent breakfast drew up conclusions and declared "Never again."

On the Traffic Court roll of fame, besides those before mentioned, go Capt. Hileum, whose trousers caught fire a week ago; Chief Clerk Sheridan, who knows all about the court, and can tell you that it was built in 1945 and used to be the old Police Headquarters; Attendant Burrows, at

the bridge; Clerk Here and Motorcycle Cop Clark, the Curator of the force, who sang for King Albert; and sang so well on the deck of the Resonant that the Prince of Wales delayed his sailing for an hour. He has some little voice, and all kinds of autographs, the Traffic Court says.

There is little word of mentioning the fact that the court is at No. 201 Mott Street, for if you own a car, the cop will show you the way, there some one of these days.

Y. M. H. A. PRODUCES A PLAY.

"Little Heroes" to Be Given by Bronx Dramatic Group for Summer Camp Fund.

The Junior Dramatic Group of the Bronx Y. M. H. A. will produce "Little Heroes" in the auditorium of their building, No. 1281 Franklin Avenue, Jan. 25. The proceeds of the performance will be devoted to the Summer Camp Fund.

The piece, which is by David Pinney, was produced at the Neighborhood Playhouse some months ago with success. It tells the story of a group of Belgian boys, sole survivors of a devastated village, who scheme and plot to harass the enemy.

Among those in the cast are Lester Kantor, Philip Klein, Joseph Klein, Abraham Goldwasser, George Gordon and Joseph Price. The boys are being coached by Paul Gross, Dramatic Director of the Bronx Y. M. H. A.

Brass Trade Board Favors Income Tax Exemptions on Mortgages.

In the hope of securing heavy investments in home building, the Brass Board of Trade is campaigning for support for a bill recently introduced by Congressman McLaughlin, which would exempt from income tax the income derived from real estate mortgages in any individual ownership up to \$10,000.

The board passed a resolution committing itself to the support of the measure, and copies of the resolution have been sent to the senators and congressmen from this State.

Americans Buy Princess's Gowns.

LAUSANNE, Jan. 17.—Americans, Dutchmen and Italians have been the principal purchasers at the sale of the jewels owned by the late Princess Vera Lobanoff of Russia, which has been in progress here for several days. The sale has already realized a sum exceeding \$600,000. Among the objects so far sold, a mirror owned by Empress Catherine II, of Russia and for \$1,500; a four-carat pink diamond for \$1,000; and a serpent belt for \$25,000.

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Fifth and Sixth Galleries, New Building.

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Offers its rare February savings—NOW

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\$37 for our regular \$50 mattress

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\$33 for our \$40.75 upholstered tufted top box spring

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upholstered top, without tufts, 63 spirals in the full size 4.6x6.3 ft.

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Sixth Gallery, New Bldg.

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Down-Stairs Store, Old Bldg.

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Down-Stairs Store, Old Bldg.



\$29.75 Coats

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The middle of January is here. You can look ahead to two months more of winter, and to many weeks more of cold, damp, COAT weather. Now, the point is this—

These coats were the last a New York coat maker had. HIS season closes much earlier than ours or yours; so he sent these to us to close out at \$29.75. They are all-wool. The models are the GOOD models that most young women have sought this season. And every coat is fully lined.

Even though you may not need a coat NOW, there is another season ahead; and these are the practical kinds that will be as good then as they are now. Sizes 14 to 20.

Down-Stairs Store, Old Bldg.

Jap. Crepe from the Land of Nippon—45c

The very same crepe that we have sold regularly at 65c a yard. Plain colors and neat stripes—always good for waists, kimonos, children's stripes and many other uses. Mother knows.

Down-Stairs Store, New Bldg.

Dainty Chambray Frocks for Kiddies

An odd lot—or, to be exact, several odd lots grouped together. Some have bloomers; others are smocked; but in every case the quality of the chambray will appeal to mothers who like worthwhile things. The usual shades—some with white waists in sizes 3 to 6. Naturally, these are well below today's regular retail price for equal qualities. Going at—

\$2.95

Down-Stairs Store, Old Bldg

Mother's Table Needs Cloths

Mercedized cotton damask table cloths—hem-stitched. If there was a perfectly perfect price would be \$4.50. The slight imperfection sends the price down to

\$3.25

Down-Stairs Store, New Bldg.

Men's Night Robes Flannelette---\$1.45

We could almost pass this item along without comment because the price would tell a large part of the story; but it is well to emphasize this fact: the flannelette is a heavy substantial quality, and the patterns are the neat, clean stripes.

Men's Wool Socks, 65c Pr.

Wool socks have a welcome suggestion of warmth; and these in heather mixtures are good to look upon. They are seconds of \$1 grades.

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